

RUSHVILLE CITY UTILITIES
601 W 3RD St.
Rushville, IN 46173

Minutes of the Utility Board Meeting, December 17, 2014
The Utility Board met at the Utilities Business Office at 5 p.m.

Michael Singleton called the meeting to order.

Roll Call was taken.

Board Members Present:

Michael Singleton
Tim Sheehan
Brian Bess
Greg Coffin

Phil Starkey was absent.

Others present:

Les Day	Facility Manager
Gina Jenkins	Office Manager
Geoff Wesling	Utilities Attorney
Steve Gress	Donohue & Associates
Bryce Gast	Donohue & Associates
Todd Bennett	Broadband Networks

Tim Sheehan motioned to approve the minutes from the November 18, 2014 meeting and the Special meeting on December 8, 2014. Brian Bess seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Todd Bennett, Representative for Broadband Networks, spoke to the Board members concerning installation of their equipment on the South water tower. Broadband is a supplier for internet service for rural areas. Mr. Bennett gave two different contracts to Geoff Wesling to review before the Board makes a decision to allow the installation. There is currently another internet company that has equipment installed on the tower and Geoff wants to make sure that this will not interfere with the agreement that City Utilities has with the existing company.

Les Day reviewed the Utility report for the month of November. The unaccounted water loss was at 10%. Also, Les told the Board members that the Wastewater monthly safety inspection report had problems due to the new construction at the plant.

The Water Operating report did not show N.P.D.E.S. violations for the month. There were 26.67 million gallons of water pumped, with 25.38 million gallons of water treated. Water plant personnel responded to 6 service calls for billings and customer requests. There were 7 customer requests to check for leaks. There were 15 line locates. There were 41 connects and 63 disconnects for the month, with the total customers being 2,726.

The Operating Report for Wastewater showed no N.P.D.E.S. violations for the month. There were 33.11 million gallons of wastewater treated, for the month. It was reported that there was a total of 2.7 inches of precipitation, for the month.

There were 4 sewer complaints checked. There were 2,500 feet of sewer mains cleaned from sewer complaints. 16,100 gallons of septic sludge was accepted for the month of November. There was no dye tests ran.

Michael Singleton told everyone that there had been a smoke test done in his neighborhood located in Lawton's addition. The results proved that there were problems with the sewer mains. Some of the clean-outs were broken or missing at the Covered Bridge Motel. Les Day will have the Wastewater employees correct these problems.

Then Michael told everyone that he had attended an Economic Development meeting. During this meeting it was made aware that there is a future need for storage at the Industrial Park.

Also, Michael had attended the December 16, 2014 Council meeting. The 2015 Water & Wastewater budgets and Utilities Salaries ordinance were approved by the City Council.

The next discussion was concerning Steve Mohler. Geoff Wesling said that there is an upcoming hearing to discuss the money owed to City Utilities by Mr. Mohler and also a request to the judge to have Mr. Mohler's well plugged. Mr. Mohler has completed his hook up to the City's water and sewer system.

Geoff then told everyone that he has sent a certified letter to Stephen Schofner concerning the money that he still owes to City Utilities. Mr. Schofner will have 30 days to reply to the letter. If he does not reply, Geoff will file suit with the court.

Steve Gress and Bryce Gast with Donohue & Associates spoke to the Board members about P.A.E. & Associates not paying their sub-contractors and suppliers for the materials already supplied to them for the new construction at the Wastewater plant. Mr. Gress told everyone that P.A.E. owes approximately \$500,000.00. Mr. Gress suggested that City Utilities hold P.A.E.'s next payment request until the sub-contractors and suppliers are paid. Mr. Gress suggested that a letter be sent to John Elder, President of P.A.E. & Associates, letting him know that the next payment to his company will be contingent on his company paying what is owed to the sub-contractors and suppliers with documentation of the payments.

After a discussion of this situation, Tim Sheehan motioned to approve to continue to hold 10% retainage for P.A.E. & Associates. Greg Coffin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Then Greg Coffin motioned to approve payment request #9 contingent on P.A.E paying the suppliers with documentation to City Utilities within 3 working days of the letter sent to Mr. Elder. Tim Sheehan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Les Day told everyone that he has received three quotes for the Intat lift station. The lowest quote was from BBC Pump at \$28,485.00. This includes up-grade to 3-phase and also a new panel. Brian Bess motioned to approve BBC Pump's quote to up-grade the lift station. Tim Sheehan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Gina Jenkins told the Board members that she will be implementing the new Shut-off for non-payment policy beginning in January 2015.

Tim Sheehan checked the claims for November. Tim motioned to approve the claims. Brian Bess seconded the motion. The motion carried.

There was a unanimous motion to adjourn. The motion carried.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be January 21, 2015 at 5 p.m. at the City Utilities Business office.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.